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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MERCHAV et al Serial No.: 09/890,401 Filed: July 31, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1651 For: Method and Apparatus for Maintenance and Expansion of Hemopoietic Stem Cells and/or Progenitor Cells Attorney § Docket: 01/22310 Examiner: David M. Naff

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

(1) This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, for a period of two months.

(2) Applicant is a:

X small entity ____ verified statement attached
X verified statement filed
____ other than small entity

(3)	Extension	Fee for small entity	Fee for other than
	one month X two months three months four months five months	<pre>small entity \$ 55 \$ 210 \$ 475 \$ 740 \$1005</pre>	**************************************

- (4) An amendment X is filed herewith has been filed
- (5) Please charge the extension fee and any other amount required to Deposit Account No. 50-1407. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: February 23, 2004

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